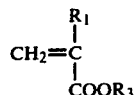


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4. A curable composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein the ethylenically unsaturated monomer (B) is an acrylic monomer represented by the following general formula:

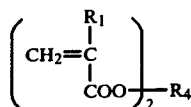


wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is a hydrogen atom or a methyl group, and

R<sub>3</sub> is an alkyl having up to 8 carbon atoms.

5. A curable composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein the ethylenically unsaturated monomer (B) is a monomer represented by the following general formula:



wherein

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R<sub>1</sub> is a hydrogen atom or a methyl group and

R<sub>4</sub> is a divalent organic group.

6. A curable composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein the ethylenically unsaturated monomer (B) is an aromatic vinyl monomer.

7. A curable composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein the ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid or its acid anhydride (A) is present in an amount of 0.1 to 20 mole % based on the sum of the amounts of said monomers (A) and (B).

8. A curable composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein the catalyst (C) is present in an amount of 0.1 to 5% by weight based on the sum of the amounts of said monomers (A) and (B).

9. A curable composition as set forth in claim 1 which further comprises a powder of an acrylic or methacrylic resin.

10. A curable composition as set forth in claim 9 wherein the powder of the acrylic or methacrylic resin is present in an amount of 0.1 to 2 parts by weight per part by weight of the sum of the amounts of said monomers (A) and (B).

11. A dental adhesive comprising a curable composition as set forth in claim 1.

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